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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 November 2003.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/13/03.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 2004/0030877 to Frid.
3. Regarding Claim 1, 8, 15, Frid discloses the resetting of computing system see Par. 0022 ; executing boot block code; reading bits in register storing boot code, where register indicates whether segments have been updated see Fig.2 item 33; obtaining values from table storing hashed values from previous measurement of POST/BIOS if segments of flash memory have not been updated see Fig. 2 item 34 & Fig. 3 item 345.
4. Regarding Claim 2, 9, 16, Frid discloses the transmitting of values to modules see Par. 0018-0019.
5. Regarding Claim 3, 10, 17, Frid discloses the setting control bit so that no other device can set bits read and executing POST BIOS see Par. 0031 & Par. 0035.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 4-7, 11-14, 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 2004/0030877 to Frid in view of US Patent 2004/0186988 to Polyudov.

8. Regarding Claim 4, 11, 18, Frid discloses performing measurement of segment storing POST BIOS that have been updated see Par. 0022 & Par. 0023. But does not disclose the performing look-up in table of previous measurements of segment updated and comparing the measured value with looked-up value. However, Polyudov discloses the

9. performing look-up in table of previous measurements of segment updated and comparing the measured value with looked-up value see Fig. 4 –6 & Par. 0038. It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the performing look-up in table of previous measurements of segment updated and comparing the measured value with looked-up value in the invention of Frid in order to have target update of processors as taught in Polyudov see Par. 0040.

10. Regarding Claim 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Frid discloses taking appropriate security measures when values are not equal and see resetting when they are equal see Par. 0022.

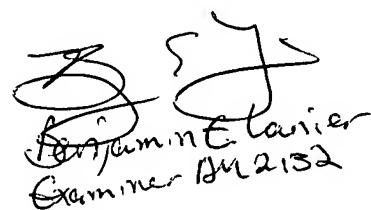
11. Regarding Claim 7, 14, 21, Frid discloses the transmitting of values to modules see Par. 0018-0019 & Fig. 3 item 341.

Conclusion

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkat Perungavoor whose telephone number is 571-272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

13. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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